utilizing the customer-inputted information to process the offer, wherein said customer-inputted information contains a payment method and customer identification data required by said first merchant computer to process said offer;

transmitting a second offer from a second merchant computer to said customer computer; and

transmitting said customer-inputted information from said first merchant computer to said second merchant computer, provided said customer computer accepts said second offer.

7.   (Amended)   A method of completing a plurality of transactions on a computer network involving at least one customer computer and a plurality of merchant computers, said method comprising the following steps:

transmitting an offer from a first merchant computer to a customer computer;

transmitting customer inputted information from the customer computer to the first merchant computer in response to the offer;

utilizing the customer-inputted information to process the offer, wherein said customer-inputted information contains a payment method and customer identification data required by said first merchant computer to process said offer;

transmitting a second offer from at least a second merchant computer to said customer computer; and

transmitting said customer-inputted information from said first merchant computer to said at least second merchant computer, provided said customer computer accepts said second offer.

REMARKS

Applicants have received the Examiner's Official Action dated December 6, 2002. In view thereof, as well as the personal interview conducted with Messrs. Olszewski and O'Connor on January 15, 2003, independent claims 1 and 7 have been amended in order to better define